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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mark W. Thompson  
SERIAL NO.: 10/784,056  
TITLE: GUARD FOR A GRASS TRIMMING DEVICE  
FILED: February 20, 2004  
Group/A.U.: 3724  
CONF. NO.: 6854  
EXAMINER: Douglas D. Watts

Box BPAI  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated February 8, 2005 rejecting claims 1-9, and 11-16.

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ [X] A check in the amount of \$250 is enclosed.
- ☒ [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2098.
- ☒ [X] A timely response to the final rejection has been filed on March 23, 2005, (copy of which is attached).

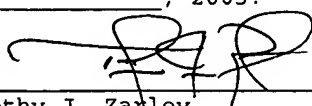
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[ ] A Petition for Extension of Time under 37  
CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Two additional copies of the notice are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TJ Zarley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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